

# Farm Bill Listening Forum

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1. The competitiveness of U.S. agriculture and domestic markets. Programs for developing markets, value added - increased supplies
2. The challenges facing new farmers as they enter agriculture. access to land - affordability Business planning and labor
3. The appropriateness and effectiveness of the distribution of farm program benefits. The current structure of farm programs - commodity programs - pits farmers against farmers - all of agriculture must be included and respected for their strengths We must be as diverse in programs as the agricultural industry
4. The achievement of conservation and environmental goals. Balance needs to be maintained - we cannot have the farm bill become an environmental protection or environmental bill again balance
5. The enhancement of rural economic growth. Risk Management programs would even greater diversity for the actual needs of the farmers in it
6. Opportunities to expand agricultural products, markets, and research.

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